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U. S. Court of Appeals
Second Circuit
United States Courthouse
New York, N.Y. 10007

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Dear

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 1985 concerning Ernest Brooks, Jr. You mention that his family is interested in getting information about his activities and writings during his World War II service in London as a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS).

We will be glad to do whatever we can to provide information concerning Ernie and his activities during that period.

While most of the OSS records have been turned over to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), we can search those records still in our possession under the Freedom of Information Act. Our Information and Privacy Coordinator will be in touch with you concerning possible costs and procedures for processing your request.

I suggest that you also contact NARA. Some OSS records recently transferred to NARA included the "History of OSS in London" and the "OSS History Office Files." Your request for assistance should be sent to the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. 20408 and addressed to the attention of John E. Taylor. Mr. Taylor can also be reached on Area Code (202) 523-3340. We will alert Mr. Taylor that you may be contacting him for information from these records.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written over the typed name.

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM: DCI

SUBJECT: Ernest Brooks, Jr.

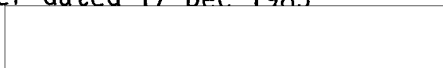
Can we provide anything on this?

William J. Casey

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Letter dated 17 Dec 1985

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Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Bill:

An old friend and OSS veteran, Ernest Brooks, Jr., of New Canaan, Conn., passed away earlier this year, leaving a distinguished family of scholars including a professor at Yale.

During W.W. II Ernie served in London, part of the time writing some of the history of OSS itself. His widow and family are naturally interested in getting any information about his activities and writings during that period, about which he was understandably taciturn.

Forty years having passed, would it be possible to obtain this kind of information for his family memorabilia? I am prepared to pay reasonable charges.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Kermit Roosevelt, who worked on a history of OSS and to Geoffrey Jones, President of Veterans of OSS. Anything you might do would be greatly appreciated.

It was a pleasure to see you at John Shaheen's funeral, sad as the occasion was.

Sincerely,

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